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REGION III

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SUBJECT: Status Report on United Rigging Cleanup  
as of August 15, 1985

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TO:

United Rigging File

Summary

Chemical Waste Management, Inc., Pepco's contractor onsite, in force. Sampling has begun in the area proposed for the sedimentation control basin. Segregation of the high concentration Pepco transformers from the rest of the pile began August 13, 1985. The Chemical Waste operation is extremely well managed and is running smoothly.

Bob Caron (OSC), has completed flushing and draining the Electric Equipment Corporation transformers. At the current time, he is awaiting a ceiling increase to pay for removal of the transformer carcasses and the PCB/diesel oil drums.

Background

The Consent Order was signed by the Regional Administrator on August 2, 1985. It contains a cleanup schedule lasting eight weeks. Chemical Waste Management was hired by Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) to carry out the cleanup. Total cleanup costs are expected to run \$2,000,000 to \$2,500,000.

The cleanup is broken into several distinct areas, identified below:

- Area A - Removal of 760 transformers that formerly belonged to Pepco. Sampling and removal of contaminated soil will be to a level of 15 ppm.
- Area B - Soil removal to a level of 15 ppm in the storage area of the Electric Equipment Corporation transformers. These transformers have been drained and flushed and are onsite awaiting disposal.
- Area C - Sampling and removal of soil and fill material from an area where alleged dumping of PCB oils occurred. Removal will be to a level of 15 ppm.
- Area D - Sampling and soil removal to a level of 15 ppm. This area is contaminated due to transformer handling.

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Area E - Sampling and removal of contaminated macadam to a level of 15 ppm. Most of the contamination in this area was due to stormwater transfer and truck traffic.

Area F - Sampling and soil removal to a level of 1-3 ppm in areas of drainage to the local creek. Sedimentation control basins will be installed in conformance with Prince George's County recommendations.